

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12 line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

In some cases ~~case~~, a tree-structured document such as an HTML document has information such as a style sheet not belonging to any tree structure. Such information other than tree-structured data is transmitted from the tree-structured document transmitting apparatus 20 to the tree-structured document receiving apparatus 40 (Figure 5) in a sequence independent of tree structure node priorities. In ordinary cases, information other than tree-structured data is information which determines a tree structure display layout and it is preferable to transmit such information from the tree-structured document transmitting apparatus 20 to the tree-structured document receiving apparatus 40 before transmission of tree-structured data.